



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0606

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President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking this opportunity to request that you consider replacing Ms. Marion C. Blakey as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Mr. Mark V. Rosenker as Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

As far back as the spring of 2005, I asked the FAA to 'ground' the Mitsubishi MU-2 series aircraft due to its shockingly high accident rate. Conservative estimates indicate that as many as one-quarter of the aircraft produced have crashed, resulting in the deaths of more than 250 people in nearly 200 separate incidents in the U.S. alone.

In lieu of grounding the aircraft until the NTSB could perform a thorough investigation into the airworthiness of the MU-2, I agreed with the manufacturer that the FAA should mandate a 'type-rating' to weed out unskilled pilots. However, the FAA decided to implement an SFAR (Special Federal Aviation Regulation) mandating additional periodic training of MU-2 pilots. There have been *three* fatal crashes since the FAA's decision, and yet to my knowledge, there is still no SFAR in place. This is unacceptable.

Because Ms. Blakey and Mr. Roskener have consistently failed to take appropriate action on this issue despite repeated warnings about the aircrafts suitability for use, I believe the public would be well served if they were replaced by administrators willing to act swiftly and deliberately on this matter.

Sincerely,

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